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The IDS filed on 4/5/07 has been considered by the examiner. The application is still allowed because no prior art teaches "a polarized state component perpendicular to the polarized state of reflected light obtained when a distance between the surface of said optical recording medium and the flat surface portion of said solid immersion lens is zero". There is no suggestion of this in the prior art and there is no reason to combine any of the prior art with any of the newly cited references.

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